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## CONTROLLER'S OFFICE RELEASES OCTOBER FINANCIAL REPORT

**RALEIGH** – For October 2009, North Carolina's General Fund continued to see lower tax and nontax receipts. Tax revenues, net of refunds, declined by \$99.1 million, or 6.2 percent for the month of October compared to the previous year. With lower cash balances, investment earnings declined by \$10.5 million or 65.6 percent for October as compared to the prior year. For the year to date through October, net tax revenues reflected a decline of \$254.7 million, or 4.4 percent, with investment earnings down by \$44.6 million, or 71.9 percent.

The General Fund's unreserved fund had a balance of \$335.4 million as of October 31, as compared to \$232.7 million at the end of September.

This information is contained in the most recent monthly report on the General Fund compiled by the Office of the State Controller. This report can be found at http://www.osc.nc.gov/index2.html. Go to "Recent Publications" and click on "General Fund Monthly Financial Report -- October." The OSC website includes General Fund monthly budgetary basis financial information back through June 1998.

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